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Opening of golf link by the Principal, Police Training School, Vellore.

* 234-C *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Principal of the Police Training School, Vellore, has opened a golf link; and

(*b*) whether the Principal is employing the Plan-Drawing Instructor of the school and a large number of recruit constables every day to clear and keep the golf links?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether the Government will again call for information in this case ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" The question will be considered. "

Sub-Inspectors selected for training at the Police Training School, Vellore.

* 235 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the number of Sub-Inspectors of Police who were selected and sent to the Provincial Police Training School, Vellore, in October and the number out of them who resigned before December during each of the four years 1926—1929, together with the reasons therefor, if available?

A.—The appended statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" It is said that there were two persons who resigned in 1927. May I know whether it is due to ill-treatment ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I do not think so. "

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Will the hon. the Home Member ascertain about it ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" No, Sir. "

Staff employed in the office of the Inspector-General of Police.

* 236 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement of the staff employed in the office of the Inspector-General of Police, Madras, and to state the number of hands employed therein from among Andhras and from the other principal linguistic areas?

A.—The appended statement[b] is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 136 infra.
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Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I know with reference to the statement in Appendix II, how many candidates from the Andhra Desa have applied for these posts ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " No information. "

Stationery

Purchase of khaki drill.

* 237 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Superintendent of Stationery called for quotations recently for the supply of 7,000 yards of khaki drill from manufacturing firms in the Presidency;

(*b*) if so, which are the firms from which quotations were received and what was the price quoted by them; and

(*c*) at what price did the Superintendent finally book the order and with whom?

A.—(*a*) Quotations were invited by the Superintendent of Stationery for the supply of 5,200 yards only of khaki drill.

(*b*) The tenders received were confidential and Government regret they cannot see their way to divulge the contents.

(*c*) The order was booked at the rate of As. 7-9 per yard with the Central Jail, Coimbatore.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know whether it is a fact or not that Messrs. Binny & Co. tendered for far cheaper price than the price at which the Stationery Superintendent accepted the goods from the Central Jail ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Notice. "

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" Why should the Government treat the tenders as confidential ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Because some of the firms in order to get the patronage of Government give them special cheap rates and it will not be fair to disclose them. "

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" When a rate thus tendered was cheaper, why should they not accept it ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " All those things were considered before coming to a decision. "

Mr. Yakub Hasan :—" Is there anything wrong in disclosing their names ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :— "If notice is given, I shall consider the suggestion."